Interview with Sam Smith, Western Realty. May, 1945
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Phil Heimieck, Land Agent, H.B. Company, deceased. daughter lives next to All Saint's Church. Built brick house across from Post Office--Bagley & McManus now occupy.

Arthur Ormsby, Electric Light Dept.
Alf. Brown, Teamster, Calgary Beer.

Drilling for Gas: By scow down river 125 miles from landing. Camped out for month. Meridian Lines put down, 15-20,000 acres. Drilled--found 850 feet down. Sent to engineers to test. Good report. To get franchise needed 2/3 of rate payers vote. Couldn't get the 2/3 necessary. In 1910 - 12, politics started. Sent political men to control votes...(Story of political intrigue versus honest business tactics) Calgary Gas Company came up and put on vote using methods of which we didn't approve. Didn't buy our way--$300,000-$500,000 (lost in this business?)

Street Railway: Chas. Taylor, Mayor John A. McDougall in company, wanted franchise for Street Railway. City got on to it and put in themselves. And we lost. Eddie McDougall has gold model of street car (first). Eldest son of John C. McDougall, Mrs. John Inglis, sister?

Marlboro Cement Co. another investment--also lost, Lt.Gov. Bulyea sold for scrap.
Great West Garment Company, started with Rutherford, Lessar, Fred Jackson. on $5000 now the biggest industry of its kind in Canada

and maybe in North America. Our motto: "Make nothing but good goods" shirts, overalls. No dividends ~~paid until~~ taken out until after 1921. They were formerly put back into the Company and shared by employees. Modelled after the Lever Bros.' methods: each employee after being in a certain time benefits from the profits. Built employee town.

Ed Walker associated with Smith; father, A.I. Walker came to Vegreville District in 1900. Ed Walker selling cattle here from early days. True story of Remittance Man: Told to "salt" the cattle--was found sprinkling with a pail of salt. Selling cattle to Barr Colonists: Had a wild heifer in the bunch--too wild to sell but colonist insisted. Backed light rig to corral, heifer knocked rig, Heifer went one way, team the other. Colonists: "Aw, by Jove, she's a beautiful runner, don't you know."(Lloydminster)